

ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus of a layout editing system for arranging page structural elements in an electronic document. An electronic document having a grid provided with a plurality of first attraction points is displayed on a display device. A page structural element whose outline is demarcated by a frame on the electronic document is also displayed on the display device. The page structural element is provided with a plurality of attractive second attraction points to adjust its position in accordance with the plurality of first attraction points. Upon detecting that the cursor is positioned inside the frame of the page structural element and that the button of a pointing device linked to the cursor is pressed down, the page structural element is held and only the second attraction point nearest to the cursor is selected from among the plurality of second attraction points to be an attractive state. A probe point is set to keep the relative positional relationship of the second attraction point and the cursor at that time. When the pointing device is operated and the cursor is moved, the second attraction point that has been made attractive to the movement of the cursor is moved and attracted to the first attraction point nearest the probe point, and the page structural element is moved accordingly.

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